the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction for demerger of the Namrup units from HFC and sanction of its revamp/revival scheme. The process to secure term loan for the Namrup Revamp Project from the banks/financial institutions has been initiated.

Starvation Deaths in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa

*95. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of starvation deaths reported during the Kharif season in the country, especially in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa;

(b) whether drought hit farmers raided FCI godowns in drought hit areas; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to distribute stocks with Government to the starving farmers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The Government of Orissa have strongly denied allegations of "starvation deaths". No reports of starvation deaths have also been received from any other State including Andhra Pradesh.

(b) No such report has been received in this Ministry.

(c) As per information furnished by the Department of Food and Public Distribution, the total stock of foodgrains with the Food Corporation of India and the State agencies stood at 582.80 lakh MTs on as 1.10.2001. 27.65 lakh MTs of foodgrains have been allotted free of cost to various drought/flood affected States for Food for work Programme. Distribution at the ground level is the responsibility of the State Government concerned.

Loss to DMS from intact return Milk

*96 SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that monetary loss from the intact return milk is about 50 per cent of the total losses of DMS during the last 18 months;

(b) if so, the details of milk and these losses, month-wise, on